



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

*Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine ~ Conference Room
2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210
Henderson, NV 89074
Public Call in Number: 1-866-854-6779; Meeting Code: 7492532#*

NOTE: Per Governor Sisolak's Directive 44, beginning June 1, 2021, Board meetings will return to holding meetings at physical locations.

*** MINUTES ***

I. CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President, Roll call to determine presence of a quorum

Board Members:

*Ronald Hedger, D.O.
Paul Mausling, D.O.
Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.
Samir Pancholi, D.O.
Carla Perlotto, Ph.D., Public Member
Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member*

Board Staff:

*Sandra Reed, Executive Director
Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel*

Public:

*Susan Fisher
Javier Avila*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

NOTE: Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.

No Comments.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2021 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the minutes from May 11, 2021; seconded by Dr. Mausling. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved by the Board.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Under this item the Board may consider the recommendations of the Executive Director and/or President/Vice President to grant licensure to the below listed applicants. The Board may remove any applicant's name from the consent motion, but may not discuss the contents of the application for licensure without the applicant present following proper notice pursuant to the open meeting law.

Osteopathic Physician Name

*Daniel Barrera, D.O.
Adam Christensen, D.O.
Shilpa Gupta, D.O.
Scott Habakus, D.O.
Brad Hammon, D.O.
Daniel Heath, D.O.
Jeffrey Heckman, D.O.
Aaron Johnson, D.O.
Michael Kirk, Jr., D.O.
Michelle Korn, D.O.
Catherine Nguyen-Ward, D.O.
Pavandeep Rakhra, D.O.
Gretchen Schaub, D.O.
Catherine Sears, D.O.
Sharis Shamirian, D.O.
Neil Stern, D.O.
Danielle Vanderet, D.O.
Derric Whiteside, D.O.
David Winn, D.O.*

Specialty

*General Surgery
Emergency Medicine
Emergency Medicine
Diagnostic Radiology
Dermatology
Anesthesiology
Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation
Emergency Medicine
Internal Medicine
Pediatrics
Family Medicine
Pediatrics
Pediatrics
Radiology, Diagnostic
Internal Medicine
Emergency Medicine
General Surgery
Internal Medicine
Family Medicine*

Physician Assistant

Matthew Stamm, PA-C

Supervising Physician

Ori Devera, D.O.

Effective 07/01/2021

Osteopathic Physician Name

*Danilo Miguel Aurelio, D.O.
Jazzmine-Rose Baluyot, D.O.
James Bindrup, D.O.
Jason Blumberg, D.O.
Kristian Burgess, D.O.
Nicole Calica, D.O.
Rajesh Chundu, D.O.
Esther Davila, D.O.
Scott Diamond, D.O.
Alex Dutson, D.O.
Christopher Francis, D.O.
Jasmine Heard, D.O.
Derek Herkes, D.O.*

Specialty

*Internal Medicine
Family Medicine
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine
Family Medicine
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine
Family Medicine
Internal Medicine
Family Medicine
Family Medicine
Family Medicine
Family Medicine
Emergency Medicine*

Christina Herrera, D.O.
Pooja Rana, D.O.
Aurosis Reddy, D.O.
Tiffany Sin, D.O.
Jason Wong, D.O.

Pediatrics
Internal Medicine
Family Medicine
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine

Effective 07/01/2021
Special Licenses NRS.633.41

James Bauman, D.O.
Camille de Vera, D.O.
Jeffrey DeGrauw, D.O.
Brandon Desowitz-Leibell, D.O.

Valley Hospital Family Medicine
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Mountain View Anesthesiology
Mountain View Physical
Medicine/Rehabilitation
Nellis Family Medicine
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Valley Hospital Neurology
UNLVSOM OB/GYN
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Nellis Family Medicine
UNLVSOM Pediatrics
Southern Hills Family Medicine
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
VHS General Surgery
Valley Internal Medicine
UNR Psychiatry
Sunrise Health GME OB/GYN
UNR Psychiatry
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Mountain View Emergency Medicine
Southern Hills Psychiatry
Mountain View Anesthesiology
UNLVSOM Internal Medicine
Nellis Family Medicine
Nellis Family Medicine
Southern Hills Psychiatry
UNLVSOM Internal Medicine
Valley Hospital Orthopedic
Sunrise Health GME OB/GYN
UNLVSOM Internal Medicine
VHS Family Medicine
Sunrise Health GME Diagnostic Radiology
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Nellis Family Medicine
VHS Emergency Medicine
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Southern Hills Psychiatry
Valley Hospital Internal Medicine
Valley Hospital Orthopedic

Andrew Dickson, D.O.
Dennis Do, D.O.
Aric Felton, D.O.
Haven Frazier, D.O.
Randall Funnamark, D.O.
Hunter Gallogly, D.O.
Timothy Golia, Jr., D.O.
Colson Healy, D.O.
Robert Hendry, D.O.
Amanda Hertzler, D.O.
Edward Kim, D.O.
Abigail Landenberger, D.O.
Lindsey Leggett, D.O.
Ashley Maestas, D.O.
Keaton Maguire, D.O.
Monica Makar, D.O.
Saman Manzouri, D.O.
Joshua Marcum, D.O.
Brenner Meacham, D.O.
Jace Melessa, D.O.
Holly Nguyen, D.O.
Brett Niles, D.O.
Lauren Olivieri, D.O.
Jennifer Onaga, D.O.
Akash Parida, D.O.
Landon Rosevear, D.O.
Chloe Saba, D.O.
Ryan Shao, D.O.
Tanner Souza, D.O.
Adam Stroh, D.O.
Timothy Sugimoto, D.O.
Louis Sulit, D.O.
Michelle Swenson, D.O.
Paul Tran, D.O.
Jonathan Vann, D.O.
Tyler Voss-Hamrick, D.O.
Christine Vu, D.O.
John Walsh, D.O.

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the licensees as written; seconded by Dr. Perlotto.
There being no discussion, the Board approved licensure.

V. **+CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION AND COLLABORATING SUPERVISION AGREEMENT FOR FULL LICENSURE FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT JAVIER AVILA, PA-C, (Tabled from the previous meeting-Discussion/For Possible Action/Board may go into closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030 to move to a closed session because the discussion will have to do with this applicant's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items). Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Hedger asked PA Avila if he would prefer to move to a closed session. PA Avila chose to remain in open session. PA Avila explained a family emergency kept him from attending the previous Board meeting and detailed his license history with the Board. Mr. Ling described the previous settlement agreement between the Board and PA Avila when he was under Dr. Moon's supervision, and noted that PA Avila assisted with the Board's investigation into Dr. Moon. Mr. Ling added the settlement agreement was not punitive; and, all requirements were satisfied. PA Avila indicated he founded a mid-level journal club that meets bi-monthly to discuss journals and community standards of care around pain management. PA Avila is licensed with the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners and is currently working under an M.D. in the same practice where the D.O. he would be supervised by if his license is approved by the Board. Dr. Mausling made a motion to grant licensure to Javier Avila, PA-C, seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The motion was approved by the Board to license PA Avila.

VI. **+CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION REGARDING ANNUAL BUDGET AND RESERVE POLICY, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Ms. Reed noted that the Board is required to review, possibly revise and reaffirm the reserve policy annually. For the annual budget, Ms. Reed noted the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) will implement a 0.50% contribution increase by employers. She added there was a need to hire a temporary employee to assist with clerical duties, such as filing and organizing documents, and archiving old files with the State. The cost to the Board for a temporary employee was included in the personnel section of the proposed budget. After some discussion, Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Dr. Hedger. The motion was approved by the Board.

VII. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING PAY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD STAFF, INCLUDING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS), NOTE: The Board may go into closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030 to move to a closed session because the discussion may involve a staff member's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Ms. Reed explained the PERS contribution amount increase and referred to the handout included in the meeting packet. Ms. Reed noted that the number of licensees has increased, but the number of staff has not increased. Ms. Reed praised the staff, stating they all work hard and take on multiple job responsibilities. Board discussed setting a three percent (3%) COLA increase limit and a three percent (3%) merit increase limit. Dr. Hedger made a motion to set a fluctuating COLA increase with a three percent (3%) cap and a merit increase determined by the Executive Director with a three percent (3%) cap, seconded by Mr. Nigam. The motion was approved by the Board.

VIII. **CONDUCT ANNUAL REVIEW FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INCLUDING POTENTIAL ADJUSTMENT TO SALARY, NOTE: , The Board may not discuss the Executive Director's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items in closed session (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Ms. Reed provided a self-assessment with accomplishments to the Board. Dr. Hedger noted the Board has been running well and agrees with Ms. Reed's self assessment. Dr. Perlotto agreed and added she has no complaints, as Ms. Reed does a great job. Dr. Almaguer, and

Mr. Nigam also agreed with the previous comments. Dr. Hedger made a motion to set a fluctuating COLA increase with a three percent (3%) cap and a merit increase with a three percent (3%) cap, seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The motion was approved by the Board.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. *Financial Statements* – Handouts are for monthly reports through the end of April.
- b. *Licensing* – New licenses are booming. There are now over 1,500 active DO licenses.

X. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Justin Taruc, Deputy Attorney General

Mr. Ling noted that he would provide a legislative update at University of Nevada Reno (UNR) Medical School on June 9 for their Continuing Medical Education program. His time will not be billed to the Board, as UNR will be billed directly. Mr. Ling had no other updates.

XI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Susan Fisher, Board Government Affairs/Lobbyist.

Ms. Fisher is refining the summary outlining the session's legislative bills. The current summary was sent to Dr. Hedger, Mr. Ling, and Ms. Reed. The summary outlines major themes and bills from the legislative session, and the topics that may be addressed during the upcoming special sessions. There are several bills waiting for the Governor to either sign or veto.

XII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA

No items.

XIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Dr. Hedger noted that the American Academy of Physician Assistants, a national organization, has passed a resolution changing the title from *Physician Assistant* to *Physician Associate*. This change would need to be approved by each state legislature. If a PA uses the title *Physician Associate* in a state where the legislature has not approved the change, the PA could face disciplinary action. Dr. Hedger recommended the Board send a memo to PAs cautioning them not to use the *Physician Associate* title in Nevada, as it has not been approved by the Nevada legislature. Dr. Hedger will draft a memo, and Ms. Reed will send the memo to PA licensees.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

Dr. Hedger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Perlotto, and approved by the Board.

Minutes approved by the Board on August 10, 2021